# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:498
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INTER-BASIN TRANSFER OF WATER
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether his Ministry has recommended Inter-Basin transfer of water in different regions of the country to tackle floods;

(b) if so, whether to resolve various water disputes in the country, the Government propose to implement Inter-Basin transfer of water;

(c) if so, whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a ) & (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION No. 498 TO BE ANSWERED ( 29.4.2002 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING INTER-BASIN TRANSFER OF WATER.

In 1980, the Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for integrated water resources development through inter- linkages of several southern based Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers which inter alia envisages flood control benefit. Through this programme it is intended to assess the surplus basins as of now for possible transfer of water from surplus to deficit basins in order to optimally utilise the water resources of the country. With this purpose the Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 as an autonomous society to carryout water balance and feasibility studies of the Peninsular and Himalayan rivers. Union Minister of Water Resources heads the Society and Chief Ministers/Irrigation Ministersof the States are its Members. There is also a Governing Body under the Chairmanship of Secretary(Water Resources) and a Technical Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission, where also State Governments are represented. These bodies meet regularly to review progress made in the National Perspective Planand to decide the further course of action. NWDAhas identified 30 links under National Perspective for preparation of Feasibility Report and has completed Feasibility Report of 6 links. Implementation of the water transfer links would only be possible if the concerned co basin States agree to the water linkage proposal ,provide other logistical support necessary for project implementation and availability of fund is ensured.